



Know Before You Go!

As a boater, you should always be aware of the condition of your boat's fuel system. Over time, fittings, hoses and even tanks can wear out.

For your own safety, inspect your fuel system fittings and hoses regularly, especially near the engine where heat and vibration can accelerate deterioration.

You should inspect your fuel tanks periodically, as well. Fiberglass fuel tanks on some boats, especially those built prior to 1992, may not have been manufactured to be compatible with today's gasoline, which contains up to 10% ethanol, commonly referred to as "E-10". If in doubt about your fuel tank's compatibility, contact the manufacturer.

Before casting off, "sniff" your bilges. Your nose can be an effective gasoline leak detector. If a fuel leak is detected, fix it immediately. Carry spare fuel filters with you on your vessel, so if the filter becomes clogged while you are at sea, it can be replaced.

For safety tips and more information about handling fuel aboard your vessel, visit DOBOR's web page on this topic at:
www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dbor/e10gas.htm.